Psalm 139: 1-24

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my ways from afar.
3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
10 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.
19 O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
20 those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

When David was struggling with life and his relationship with God, he discovered something special about himself and God. David shifted his focus from himself to God. Life had become a great challenge with the sin in his life. With the Spirit of God working and dealing with him, David began to discover how much God really loved him. Because of his understanding of God and his experience with Him, David began to grow into a new relationship. That is why, he concludes in this wonderful Psalm with the words of “Search me, O God…….”

When we are able to allow ourselves to connect with God in an honest way, we are able to let God look deep within ourselves and bring renewal in our hearts.

So let us pray every day……………Search me, O God!!!!!!!!!!

Shalom,
Pastor Dale
Memorials & Honorariums

Tom and Kathy Heimel gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Roy and Betty Heimel.

Sandra Thurman Reid gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Charlotte Thurman.

Edward and Linda Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of John and Sam Hanson.

Gil and Judy Litteken gave to Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of Dan and Rita Uhler.

Jesse & Nina Gibbs gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

John Tomlinson, Adams and Wildes Families gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Bill & Patty Crowder gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Jeannette Long gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in honor of the Mexico Medical Mission Team.

Gil & Judy Litteken gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Virginia Hale.

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Ted & Shirley Barnett gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Jerry & Lynda Smith gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Virginia, Loretta & Tommy Hale gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron and Charlotte Thurman.

Lorene Fourman gave to the Mexico Medical Mission Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Harlie & Ann Reed gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Alice, Lea, Julie & Ann Carrigg gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Thomas & Marceline Barton and Charlsay Barton gave to the Organ Fund in memory of Miles Cameron.

Kevin & Angie Rose gave to the Organ Fund in honor of the Chancel Choir Members.

MONTHLY REPORT GIVING & MONEY DISBURSED

JANUARY 2013

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| Salaries & Benefits | $16,929.17 | $16,929.17 | $225,941.00 | 7.5% |
| Property Maintenance | 5,041.32 | 5,041.32 | 41,400.00 | 12.2% |
| Office Administration | 5,165.64 | 5,165.64 | 15,100.00 | 34.2% |
| Nurture & Music | 600.00 | 600.00 | 4,100.00 | 14.6% |
| Witness | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,400.00 | 0.0% |
| Outreach - Missions | 7,477.90 | 7,477.90 | 42,056.00 | 17.8% |
| Church Support | 786.91 | 786.91 | 5,770.00 | 13.6% |
| Children’s Ministry | 36.00 | 36.00 | 3,300.00 | 1.1% |
| Adult Ministries | -120.00 | -120.00 | 1,300.00 | -9.2% |
| Youth Ministry | 134.00 | 134.00 | 1,450.00 | 9.2% |
| MDO Expenses | 3,664.11 | 3,664.11 | 33,380.00 | 11.0% |
| Young Adults (18-35) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 39,715.05 | 39,715.05 | 379,447.00 | 10.5% |

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FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

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| SS ATTENDANCE | 58 | 66 | 49 | 53 |
| WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | 317 | 174 | 124 | 180 |

Dear Church Family,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for having Judith present me with the beautiful white prayer shawl. The angel on the shawl has surrounded me with warmth and comfort and will continue to do so through my chemo treatments.

When growing up in the Spring City Methodist Church, I was very active in our MYF. One Christmas, the church sponsored a float in the Spring City Christmas Parade. The float featured children of the world guarded by a 15-year-old angel balancing on a hay bale trying not to fall before the parade ended. I was honored to be the one representing that angel.

Today, 50 years later, you presented me with an angel crocheted into the prayer shawl that represents the love, and all the prayers you are sending to our God as again I am trying to hold my balance as I go through the cancer diagnosis, chemo, and what is to follow. This wonderful church supported me through my youth and is still showing love for me and praying with me today.

Knowing God and you are with me always. . .

Thank you,
Ardoth Martin

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Joe and Theresa Lisa for donating a much-needed 5-drawer file cabinet to the church office. We are so grateful for your kind generosity.

DEAR LOVING CHURCH FAMILY,

We want to thank everyone for your cards, calls, loving concern, and most of all, for your prayers. On February 12, the doctor gave Gil a clean bill of health. In two weeks, I get my cast off. We are so thankful. Prayer is the most amazing thing!!! We are so blessed to be a part of this loving, praying church. What an awesome God we serve! He is able to give us much more than we can ever think or ask.

In Christ,
Gil and Judy Litteken
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Tom, Kathy, Joey, Aaron, and Rachel Heimel served as Greeters on Boy Scout Sunday, February 10, 2013. They wore their Scout uniforms and gave a friendly welcome to everyone who attended the worship service that day.

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Rejoysingers Perform at Let’s Do Lunch (LDL)
The February 19th meeting of LDL was enjoyed by everyone. Caren Ruffner used a Valentine’s theme for the decorations, and they were so pretty and festive. Patty Crowder awed us again with another inspiring devotional. The Rejoysingers - Joyce Eicher, Dave Eicher, Richard Stair, and pianist, Eldena Perry, entertained the group with several special selections. Caterer, Cookie Smith, prepared an excellent meal, which consisted of chicken parmesan, green beans, potatoes, tossed salad, and choice of desserts. The next LDL is “High Tea” on Tuesday, March 19, 12 p.m., in the FLC, for ladies 60 and up.

Lending a Helping Hand
Featured below are some of the many church members who met weekly to clean the church while John Hanson was recovering from his recent illness. Judith Barger compiled the work schedules weekly that listed specific areas to be cleaned. The group had fun while they cleaned and maintained the church building in tip top shape until John’s return.

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Those who attended the Ash Wednesday Service received a Bread and Cup Lent Coin (left) that features the bread & cup given by Jesus to his followers at the Last Supper. The back reads, “This is my body and blood given to you for the forgiveness of sin.”
DISCIPLE SHORT TERM BIBLE STUDY INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT
Thursday, January 24, 2013

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BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY DANIEL PART 2
Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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Welcome to Our Church Family

Five new members were added to our church family at the 11:00 o’clock worship service on Sunday, February 10, 2013. All five joined on Profession of Faith and were welcomed with Christian fellowship and love.

Pastor Dale is pictured with the new members, (above left to right) Al and Garnet Watters and Richard and Shirley Corbin, and lower right, Corey Miller.

God has richly blessed our church with eleven new members so far in this new year.

Pastor Dale led the church in a prayer of thanksgiving for Al and Garnet, Richard and Shirley, and Corey.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated soup for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3. The grand total of 1,082 cans of soup was collected for Our Daily Bread. The Souper Bowl Trophy remains with the Pairs and Spares Class as their contribution of 643 cans of soup was the largest. The photo above shows Lynda Smith, teacher of the Pairs and Spares Class, along with other class members as they accepted the Souper Bowl Trophy. The Celebration Class is also to be commended for the 202 cans of soup they gathered. Those in need will greatly benefit from our church’s generous contribution.

Rev. Ben Matherly preached an inspirational sermon at the service on Sunday, February 3, while Pastor Dale was in the Holy Land. Even though there was snow in Rhea County that morning, Rev. Matherly and his wife, Elaine had no problem traveling from their home in Chattanooga. We were blessed to have them with us.

Rev. Matherly and Sheila Larson are shown as they served Communion to Frank Snyder, Ed Gibbs, and others at the worship service on Sunday morning, February 3, 2013.